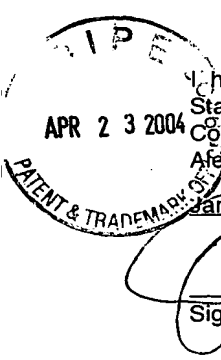


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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to directions from Examiner Goodman on April 19, 2004, this Request is being submitted under Rule 312.

Applicant requests that Examiner acknowledge the references shown on the attached PTO/SB/08A have been considered in the prosecution of the above-referenced Application 08/883,685.

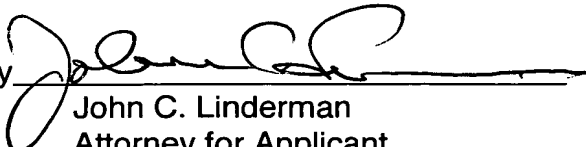
The references were previously submitted by Applicant in parent application 08/612,212. For reasons that are not clear, the references were never acknowledged by Examiner in his Office Action of December 30, 1996, even though French patent No. 794,676 among them was one of the references expressly cited by Examiner in rejecting claims.

The British patent No. 892,215 and the German patent No. 27 18 777 were cited by Examiner in the Office Action of February 8, 1995 in the parent application No. 08/182,074. See attached PTO-892. Additionally, each of the four French patents 794,676, 2,260,523, 2,344,364 and 2,349,416 was acknowledged by Examiner in the Office Action of February 8, 1995. See attached PTO 1449 of 1/30/95. Still further, the four French patents were made of record by the original Applicant in Serial No. 08/182,074 along with the International Search Report in which the references were cited.

Accordingly, the references shown in the attached PTO Form 1449 have all been brought to the Examiner's attention on numerous occasions during the prosecution of the various applications, have all been acknowledged or cited at one time or another, and should have been acknowledged by Examiner in parent application 08/612,212 as well.

It is respectfully submitted, therefore, that the references be acknowledged as considered in the present application which is a File Wrapper Continuation of Serial No. 08/612,212.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

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